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Sir:

This paper is filed (along with a petition for a one-month extension of time) in response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2009. The PTO was closed on December 20 (Sunday) and 21 (USPTO closed due to inclement weather).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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